Town Donates Household Items to Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk

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Farmingville, NY – On Tuesday, December 22, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico held a press conference at 215 Elm Road West in Mastic Beach to announce that the Town of Brookhaven will donate household items to Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk's ReStore in Ronkonkoma. The items, including appliances furniture, boilers, water heaters, ceiling fans, cabinets and more, will be collected from 14 vacant houses in the Village of Mastic Beach that the Town has acquired from New York Rising. The houses will be demolished in the near future and the land will be preserved as open space. Pictured in front are ReStore staff Andrew Tully (left) and AJ Troiano (right). Pictured in back, left to right are Councilman Panico, Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk Executive Director and CEO Diane

Burke, Supervisor Romaine, Village of Mastic Beach Mayor Maura Spery and Deputy Mayor Bruce Summa.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Many of the household items and appliances in these homes are in good, working condition, and if they can help Habitat for Humanity raise money, there's no point in throwing them away. The Town has a long history of working with Habitat for Humanity and this is another way to show our support for the great work that they do."

Councilman Panico said, "The partnership between the Town of Brookhaven and Habitat for Humanity has always been strong. Today's event benefits people in need, the residents of Mastic Beach, and the environment as we move toward removing additional septic and cesspool systems in critical surface water areas."

Mayor Spery said, "The Village of Mastic Beach is thrilled to be working with Habitat for Humanity and the Town of Brookhaven to facilitate home ownership here in our Village. Nothing showcases the spirit of Christmas more than the work Habitat for Humanity does for families and our Village."

Ms. Burke said, "Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk is overwhelming grateful for its partnership with the Town of Brookhaven and the Village of Mastic Beach. Today we removed salvageable materials and appliances from homes that will be torn down. This donation will not only support our mission of creating a place to call home for hardworking families in Suffolk County but will also help the environment by recycling these goods rather than having them end up in the landfill. We look forward to working with the Town of Brookhaven and the Village of Mastic Beach on several projects in the new year."

The Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk ReStore is located at 2111 Lakeland Avenue in Ronkonkoma. It is a retail outlet open to the public to shop for quality donated new and slightly used building supplies and home furnishings at a fraction of the original cost. All revenue goes directly back into supporting Habitat for Humanity Suffolk. For more information, go to www.habitatsuffolk.org.

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